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The Hottest May.

The month of May just passed was the hottest on record in Central Kentucky for thirty-eight years. It has also been one of the driest Mays in many years. The drouth and heat so far have parched the young corn that is up into shoe strings, and grass is burning up, while young grass sown this spring, undoubtedly, is killed. Oats are now cut to half crops if rain comes soon, otherwise, there will be little or no crop at all. Wheat is also greatly injured as is rye. Tobacco should be in the midst of setting but none so far has been set, and plant beds are being watered by some to keep them alive until rain may fall and give a season to set them. Altogether the outlook for farmers at this time is anything but encouraging from the point of growing crops.

Visits Frenchburg.

Rev. J. C. Hanley, President of the Stanton College, and some of his faculty are expected to visit Frenchburg School on Thursday and Friday of this week. Mr. Hanley will be asked to occupy the Thursday evening prayer meeting hour with a preaching service, after which an opportunity will be given to meet these friends in an informal way. A cordial invitation is extended to all who may wish to attend.—Frenchburg Agitator.

Take Care of the Soil.

A farm paper says: "Aside from the vicissitudes of the weather, practically all of the misfortunes that come to the farmer or his farm can be traced to the haste to secure the present dollar without providing for the future good of his soil. Take care of the soil and it will take care of you, and any other method is a downhill pull."

School House to Be Sold.

The school house about two miles south of this city near the bridge will be sold Monday, June 5th to satisfy a debt of about \$250 held by Dr. J. E. Lemming. This house was built about twenty years ago and a district tax levy voted to pay for the same. The taxpayers claim they have paid in enough money to settle the debt, but for some cause or other the money has never reached the proper creditor. It seems he has been very patient to wait so long for his money and now it is doubtful if the house will bring enough to pay off much over half the judgment. A new school house will now have to be built in this district or the old one bid in by the Board of Education which will likely be done.

Louisville Boosters Here.

Louisville's delegation of business men swooped down upon us Thursday loading us with souvenirs and literature. They received a warm welcome and paid a high tribute to Clay City. We have always been for Kentucky cities and for Kentucky trade, and was unusually glad to see them come our way and try to stir up some of the boys who are not that way.

The Same Here.

Senator Thos. H. Paynter was here Saturday mingling with friends. The Senator is much stronger here than he was some time ago as the ill advised attacks of Hon. Ollie Jamas have reacted and made friends for Paynter.—Winchester Democrat.

The prevailing drouth has sent wheat prices away up and of course flour will soon be soaring high too.

Raise Reduced.

The tentative raise of 10 per cent. on the taxable property of Powell county made by the State Board of Equalization, was finally reduced to 5 per cent. under the arguments produced by the committee from this county composed of Judge Hardwick and another taxpayer of the county who went to Frankfort April 28 to appear before the Board. The raise last year was 20 per cent. And notwithstanding the loss of 3000 acres of land in our last year's assessment which was hard evidence to overcome besides some other errors that were committed, the committee from this county succeeded in showing the Board of the unjustness of a raise coming as it does, when so many of our river bottom farmers have made half crops for the past five years.

Tobacco Trust Loses Case.

The American Tobacco Company and its accessories and subordinate corporations and companies, including the English corporation, were held by the Supreme Court of the United States to be co-operators in a combination illegal under the Sherman anti-trust law. The court sent the case back to the lower court with directions to hear further the parties so as to ascertain whether a new condition case is created in harmony with the law. Justice Harlan concurred in part with the court's opinion and dissented in part.

The Poor Man and Good Roads.

It has always seemed strange to us that the poor man should object to increased taxation for better roads. Good roads are the best friends that the poor man can have, and the cost of their construction is comparatively nothing to him, as it is the rich man and large taxpayer who have to bear the real cost of road improvement; and if such are willing to contribute of their substance the dollars, then poor men should willingly join hands by contributing their cents.—La-grange Era.

Killing in Estill.

Near Irvine Monday Owen Tyree, 40 years old, was shot and killed by Dillard Dunaway, a lad of 19. Dunaway went to Irvine, where he surrendered and was locked up, though he could have given bail, but preferred being in jail till his trial came up which was set for yesterday. Tyree is a brother to Mrs. Henry Sons of this city. This is the first killing for three years in Estill county.

Quits Telephone Company.

With the exception of probably a dozen men the retail merchants of Paducah agreed to discard the East Tennessee Telephone Company's telephones by June 1, and those who did not enter the agreement are expected to do so by then. It is another step in the 'phone war.

The weather conditions are now such that the straw hat market is firmer and the demand increasing.

Why Should Kentucky be Behind.

In speaking of his early days, Uncle Joe Cannon says: "I was born in North Carolina and when four years old, in the arms of my mother, I was moved over the mountains. The family went to the Wabash, and my good old mother never ceased mourning for the magnificent climate of North Carolina. My father, when a young man, helped to found a college down near Greensboro. A few years ago I accepted an invitation to attend its commencement, and I went around with Professor Hobbs through the section of country in the vicinity of Greensboro.

I visited the old farm where I was born and found there every evidence of prosperity and thrift. As I remembered the place, it was crossed by deep gullies and was not good for much. I asked the farmer how he got the land into such a prosperous state. He replied that he begun by throwing a dam across each gully so that the dirt washed in and leveled up the land. Then he found the use of clover and cowpeas, and improved the land so that while he had paid only \$10 an acre for it a few years before, he had, within a few days, refused \$50 an acre. I was amazed at the evidences of progress on every side, and if I had been taken into Greensboro blindfolded I would have remarked, 'How marvelously has the city of Peoria, or the city of Quincy, improved. Renaissance in agriculture is not only going on in New York and New England but it is going on in the South.

Is Kentucky behind all the other states in progress when it comes to the upbuilding of our soil?

Change in L. & E. Time Table.

The Lexington and Eastern has made another slight change in their time table. By the change the west bound train in the morning arrives here at 7:19 instead of 7:15; and the afternoon east bound train arrives here at 3:5 instead of 2:38. The change was made Sunday and is of much greater convenience to travel going to Winchester and Lexington than formerly as it gives them twenty-seven minutes longer to stay at these points in the afternoon.

Elder J. T. Turpin filled his stand at Powell's Valley Saturday and Sunday. He has accepted the call there again and will attend the church regularly preaching on each fourth Saturday and Sunday following.

Deputy Sheriff J. M. Welch was here Monday serving summonses on the boys to have them appear before Circuit Court the Third Monday in this month.

Dr. Martin reports the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Mize, of Vaughn's Mill the 29th of May.

Master Reese Fox, of Winchester, is with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Fox.

A light rain fell here yesterday afternoon.

Notice to Taxpayers.

Many persons have yet failed to come forward and settle their tax now far past due. Unless prompt settlement is made I will have to levy and sell property to make the tax now due the county, state and school board. This May 4th, 1911.

A. H. Norton,
Tax Collector.

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